

RESOLUTION 2022-20

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A RESOLUTION to commend Antoinette (Toni) Gelsomino for her 30 years of dedicated service to the seniors, youth, and young families of Lakewood through her inspired leadership in the Department of Human Services.

WHEREAS, Ms. Gelsomino began her career with the City of Lakewood in 1992 within the Division of Early Childhood where she played a central role to establish The Family Room, the division's hallmark peer support program for Lakewood's young families; and

WHEREAS, through her effective advocacy, community collaborations, and hard work, Ms. Gelsomino was promoted to lead the Division of Early Childhood, and later, the entire Department of Human Services in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gelsomino's passion for service has touched countless lives, ensuring that regardless of budget constraints, leadership transitions or even an historic global pandemic, that seniors had warm meals, transportation, and companionship; that young families received support; and that youth had access to productive outlets for community engagement; and

WHEREAS, with the opening of the Cove Community Center on April 12, 2022, Ms. Gelsomino realized her guiding vision which, for 30 years, she held, promoted, and worked with others to achieve whereby Lakewood residents across the generations now have access to a high-quality space in which to gather, build relationships and receive support; and

WHEREAS, after an inspiring 30-year career with the City of Lakewood, Ms. Gelsomino will now transition from her role as a public official to an engaged and active citizen of Lakewood; Now, therefore,

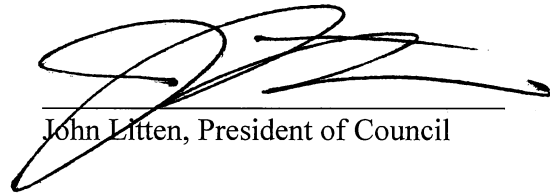
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, OHIO:

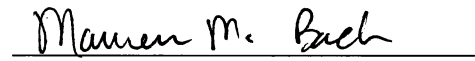
Section 1. That this Council and Administration does hereby thank Antoinette (Toni) Gelsomino for the length and quality of her service and leadership to Lakewood's Department of Human Services since 1992.

Section 2. That this Council and Administration does hereby wish Toni, her husband Tony, their three daughters, and three grandchildren all the best in their future endeavors in Lakewood and beyond.

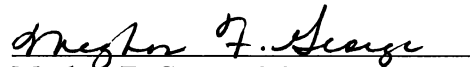
Section 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all such deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

Adopted: 5/16/2022


John Litten, President of Council


Maureen M. Bach, Clerk of Council

Approved: 5/18/22


Meghan F. George, Mayor